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BROADCAST FROM PRIVATE CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether violent episode programmes like World Wrestling Federation (WWF) being telecast by private channels are creating violent and criminal tendencies among children and youngsters;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take preventive steps to check such programmes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a): No such study has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) & (c): All programmes and advertisements carried in the cable service are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. The Programme Code, inter alia, prohibits programmes which offend against good taste or decency and prescribes that:

Care should be taken to ensure that programmes meant for children do not contain any bad language or explicit scenes of violence.
Programmes unsuitable for children must not be carried in the cable service at times when the largest numbers of children are viewing.
In case of any specific case of violation, action is initiated as per rules upon the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Committee set up by this Ministry.